

WASHINGTON COUPLE PROSECUTES FRIEND

Has Him Convicted of Theft of Household Articles.

Mrs. Robert Downing Attracts Attention on Witness Stand.

Robert Downing, the Washington actor, and his wife, known professionally as Dr. Helene Andree, have succeeded in having Frank Hargett, a well-known young man of Frederick, Md., convicted of theft in the circuit court of Frederick.

The jury made a recommendation of mercy. Sentence was suspended. For years the Downings made their home near Bladensburg, where they spent the summer months, but several years ago they bought a country place near Frederick. Shortly after moving to Frederick they met young Hargett and a strong friendship resulted.

Found Things Missing. When Mr. and Mrs. Downing went on the road they left their home, which contained many valuable accessories, in the care of Hargett and later, deciding to give up the place they had occupied, Mr. Downing wrote Hargett asking him to get another house for them and attend to moving their things. Hargett did this but when the Downings returned to Frederick they discovered that a number of their things were missing. Many of the missing things belonged to Mrs. Downing.

Hargett was asked about these things and denied any knowledge of them, but subsequently returned some of the articles. When pressed further about those which were still missing Hargett admitted that certain other people might have stolen them.

Mr. and Mrs. Downing finally agreed to put the case in the hands of the police. A search warrant was obtained, and when Mr. Downing visited Hargett's room in a boarding house in company with the sheriff of the county the missing things were found.

Letters From Hargett. While on the road Mr. Downing had received a number of letters from Hargett in which he severely criticized certain business men of Frederick. In one of them Hargett said:

"They are perfect devils on wheels. But I am standing guard over your things with a club."

Mrs. Downing attracted much attention when she took the witness stand. She wore a lavender gown and large pointed hat. After identifying a number of the articles which had been recovered from Hargett's room, Mrs. Downing was asked if she could recall a certain ash tray which had been lost.

"Yes," she said, "the design was a peculiar one—two faces and a king. Two faces are always good, you know," she added.

This caused considerable amusement in the courtroom and the court said: "They are especially good when backed by a king, aren't they?"

Another laugh followed, and Mrs. Downing, turning to the court, said: "Always, Your Honor."

DURAND'S MASS IS SUNG BY ST. MARY'S CHOIR The music in St. Mary's Catholic Church last Sunday was of a high order, the occasion being the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The choir, consisting of Miss Cecilia V. Murphy, soprano; Miss Margaret Elchhorn, alto; Al S. Fennell, sr., tenor; Frank Rebeck and Albert Schulteis, basses; and a large chorus, sang Durand's Mass.

At the offertory, Gounod's "Ave Maria" was artistically sung by Miss Murphy, accompanied by Mr. Wells, a violinist of exceptional ability. Dr. Caulfield presided at the organ.

AMERICAN WITNESS IN DUKE'S CASE ESCAPES ARREST

Caldwell Sails Before Warrant Charging Perjury Is Issued.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—By sailing from New York Thursday, Robert Newell Caldwell, the Staten Islander who figured as the chief witness in the Druce case, escaped arrest today on a charge of perjury.

The police did not know he had gone until they visited his lodgings with the warrant. It is unlikely that any attempt will be made to bring him back. Even those who originally called him to the witness stand repudiated his story in the courtroom yesterday.

Caldwell professed to have been well acquainted with the fifth Duke of Portland. He professed to have known for years that Portland masqueraded frequently as T. C. Druce, a small London tradesman. Finally, he says, the Duke grew tired of posing as Druce and employed Caldwell to engineer a mock funeral for him.

Asserted He Loaded Coffin.

The New Yorker asserted that he put 30 pounds of lead in a coffin, had it buried, and from that time forth the Duke was the Duke and no one else.

His testimony naturally seemed valuable to G. H. Druce, the T. C. Druce's grandson who was trying to prove that he, as the most direct male heir, was entitled to the Portland title and estates.

Caldwell testified in a perjury prosecution begun against Herbert Druce, the elder Druce's son by a second marriage, who said he saw his father in his coffin, and consequently knew he could not have been the Duke of Portland.

Call Stewart Story False.

It developed on cross-examination that Caldwell once made an alleged false affidavit that the late A. T. Stewart's body was stolen from his coffin, and the widow was made to pay heavily for its return.

It was in closing its perjury case against Herbert Druce that the prosecution declared yesterday that it placed no reliance on Caldwell's testimony.

Caldwell's landlord says the American booked passage on the steamship Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, and told him he was going to New York for more testimony in the Druce case.

FIGHT ON PROMOTIONS WAGING IN SENATE

Talk of opposition in the Senate to the confirmation of army officers promoted by the President has largely died out.

At the outset of the session a great deal was heard to the effect that the Senate would study a long while before confirming some of the President's army appointments, especially in those cases wherein the President had made promotions by selection and had "jumped" officers over the heads of others.

Indications are, however, that the President will be allowed to have his way with little opposition. Experience has shown the difficulty of standing in the way of the White House on matters of this sort.

Scandal Is Out; Wrecked Auto. Shocks Town

Hot and sizzling through the post-office from an amateur country correspondent last night came a heart-throbbing, nerve-thrilling story of mystery. It is too good to keep. It is offered herewith in all its pristine vigor and vividness:

ROCKVILLE, Md., Dec. 14.—The story of an auto wreck of more than ordinary interest was related here this morning by Motorman Henry Vogt and passengers on an electric car running from Washington to this place on Thursday afternoon last.

A large automobile, occupied by a man and woman handsomely bedecked, was whirling along at terrific speed, when, directly opposite Friendship, the famous country place of John R. McLean, near Tennallytown, it met a vehicle drawn by horses, and, turning aside to avoid a collision, struck a large water plug, capsize and collapsed, sending the occupants, tumbling and sliding, twenty yards or more down the pike.

A trolley car drew near and stopped just as the victims of the wreck were struggling to their feet, and the train crew and some of the passengers went to their assistance. They were in a woeful plight, covered with mud, their faces scarred and bleeding, their garments tattered, and frightened out of their wits.

"Gracious heavens!" exclaimed the disfigured female, as she covered her bleeding face with both hands. "How on earth can I ever explain to my husband!"

"Take the car," said a sympathetic passenger, "and go to the nearest hospital or drug store."

"Never!" screamed the stricken woman. "Send for a carriage, for mercy's sake, and take me away from this awful place."

"Send for a doctor," suggested another passenger.

"Not on your life!" growled the unhappy man in the case, with an oath. "There is enough here—here already."

Then the conductor pulled the bell-cord and the trolley car moved on, leaving the victims of the direful wreck in the middle of the road, the man delivering himself of language of the blue-streak variety, and the woman in hysterics, inquiring mournfully, over and over again, "How can I ever explain this awful thing to my husband?"

Who the people were, nobody that saw them knew. That they were a couple of Washington high-flyers, nobody that saw them doubted. Could their names be furnished along with this story, a social sensation would probably result, perhaps with a sequel in the shape of proceedings for divorce in the courts of Washington.

INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE HAS TWO MEN HELD

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A brand new article in political tactics was trotted out for inspection tonight when the Independence League caused the arrest of two men charged with having published certain documents purporting to come from the league campaign committee, which it is alleged, do not represent the league's sentiment.

An old statute prohibiting such alleged misrepresentation was raked up under which to base the charges.

The men arrested are John F. Hahn, a printer, and Eugene P. Gans, a real estate dealer. Hahn was held in \$1,000 bail, and Gans in double that amount for further examination tomorrow.

ROOSEVELT PLANS TO HAVE PARTY UPHOLD POLICIES

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This implies no weakening of his loyalty to Mr. Taft. But it would be useless, as the President chose the matter, to attempt to nominate Taft in a convention controlled by the reactionaries. It is necessary first to get a convention of the right attitude of mind; after that it will be time enough to consider in more detail the availability of particular men.

Of course, the notion of having a progressive platform and a progressive candidate to stand upon it involves the elimination from consideration of certain candidates. Looking at the matter, from the administration point of view, Fairbanks, Cortelyou, Foraker, and Cannon may be set down as impossible. Knox as undesirable; Taft, Hughes, and LaFollette remain as men who may qualify; Cummins is a new entry in the list who possesses elements of strength that may later be better appreciated than they are now.

Task for the Present.

But the great task for the present is to mollify people; to adjust relations; to smooth over rough places; to settle up ancient differences; to oil the machinery, and to bring together forces that have heretofore refused to work in harness together.

Senator Page of New York, spokesman of Governor Hughes, was at the White House yesterday, and had a satisfactory interview with the President. He will be back again in a short time, presumably with a message from the governor of the Empire State. This is highly significant of the new attitude of mind of the White House. There is no longer reason why the President and Governor Hughes cannot reach an understanding. There is every reason, of personal and of party interest, why they should get together. They are showing a disposition to do so.

Just about the same hour that Senator Page was leaving the White House, it was reported that the Administration was about to adopt a policy of reconciling differences with Foraker. The intimation was conveyed, indeed, that Foraker might yet be given an unopposed re-election to the Senate if he would be good and allow Taft a unanimous and unopposed delegation from Ohio.

Where Conditions Are Reversed.

With reference to New York, the President's position is just the reverse of that which he occupies in relation to Ohio. He is able easily to prevent Hughes getting a solid delegation in New York, but probably could not prevent him getting a majority of the delegation. On the other hand, Foraker is able to prevent Taft getting a solid delegation in Ohio, but cannot possibly prevent him getting a majority. It is for the President, then, to reconcile the situations in both these States; to do as well as possible for Taft; to line up, both of them, in any event, for progressive policies, and to get both voting at the right time for some candidate who will stand for those policies.

In this same direction it can safely be said that there will be no falling out with Speaker Cannon this winter. There will not be much legislation, and the Speaker does not want much. The President would like a good deal more than he will get. But he will have no quarrel, partly because it would not help much in getting legislation and partly because it would distinctly injure the prospect of handling the national convention situation in the manner that has been indicated.

SOTHERN'S HAMLET PLEASES AUDIENCE

Scholarly Interpretation of Prince of Denmark, With Capable Support.

With his performance of Hamlet at the Belasco Theater last night, E. H. Sothern concluded a notable week's engagement in Washington.

His interpretation of the role of the Prince of Denmark was marked by all the care and intelligence Sothern brings to the portrayal of a role. Seldom has the present generation seen an actor who succeeded so well in picturing to his audience the salient characterizations of the Dane, his grief and his intonation.

Throughout his reading, Mr. Sothern was impressive and scholarly. His bearing and his elocution lent power to the interpretation.

On the whole, his supporting cast was adequate. Miss Virginia Hammond was better as Ophelia than in any other part she essayed during the week and achieved a thoroughly able interpretation of the part. Albert S. Howson accomplished the unusual and gave a good performance of Horatio, making the role enjoyable and attractive. Sydney Mather placed his Washington admirers as Laertes.

The play was staged with that sumptuousness and care for detail that the public has learned to expect from Mr. Sothern.

The great, overshadowing political development, since the final withdrawal of the President, is the fact of manifest disposition to get Roosevelt and Hughes closer together. The interview of Senator Page, following his talk with the President, was tantamount to notice to all concerned of what was going on. It was careful and diplomatic, indeed, it was carefully stated that politicians promptly rushed to the conclusion that there had been something like agreement as to what might be said. If they are correct in this impression, of course, still more significance attaches to what Senator Page said.

In any case it may be set down—and there is excellent authority for the statement—that the White House, being in position to take the lead, is going to be the harmony headquarters for a while now. Oil is to be poured on the troubled waters. The effort to keep the progressives in the ascendant is going to be pressed.

It is realized keenly that the success of the "reactionaries" in getting control of the national committee demonstrated the need of immediate and effective work to prevent a reactionary convention and platform. That work is going to be in charge of the President, and before he is done, it is predicted, he will present a sample of practical politics that will not be misunderstood.

QUEEN ENA SHOPPING.

Evidently shopping is as essential to the happiness of the Queen of Spain as it is to other women who find it a cure for depression of nerves and who say that if men could open such a safety valve they would live longer and be much less irritable than they often are now. At any rate, Queen Victoria

couldn't resist looking in the shops when she was in Paris. And, woman-like, after she looked, she bought. One "trifle" she bought, which may start a new style in necklaces, is described as closely resembling a sheriff's ancient emblem of office in England. It consists of a band made up of four bands of small pearls, to which is attached a large pendant studded with diamonds.

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